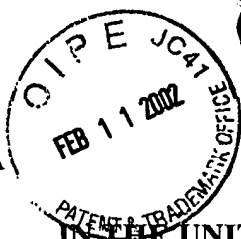


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application:

**AMENDMENT**

✓ Please cancel Claims 3, 9, 10 and 48-55 without traverse.

**COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 9, 2002. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 11-47 (Group I), drawn to a prosthetic foot. Claims 3, 9, 10 and 48-55 have been cancelled without traverse. A clean copy of the pending claims is attached hereto and follows the signature page of this Response.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of Applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).